

Disappearance of the Outside

**Edmonton, Alberta,
in the time of COVID-19**

2022

May

Part 2

**Downtown-
Service Canada area**

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scaling the wall



high pressure work environment



maybe not the best of times



illusory national identity



imperilled nation



foehn winds



listening in



suppositions running wild



falling away



deeply private property



moment of change



neurologically hardwired



windy morning



evidence of madness



few traces of their passing



almost lost from our sight



in search of the submerged land



based on tangential evidence



emerging in all its strangeness and determination



familiar places submerged



tale of sharp epiphanies



sweeping and inaccurate opinions



pressing in from all sides



eroding the banks that defined them



the times they are achangin

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Part 3

Downtown-
Rogers Place